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How Can I Get Help Expediting a Passport Renewal?

As with all other inquiries to federal agencies, the Federal Privacy Act requires that the constituent provide to me a written, signed privacy authorization detailing what you are requesting that agency to provide to me, along with all pertinent information about your request. If you have access to the Internet, you can find a form for this purpose on my website at www.timscott.house.gov. You will also need to complete our "Passport Expedite Service" form.

The Process

My staff works directly with the U. S. Department of State's Charleston Passport Agency (which is **not** a "walk-in" facility) for those cases that qualify for the abbreviated processing service. To ensure timely processing and to see if you qualify, you may go to their website, www.travel.state.gov. If your old passport has been lost or damaged, you will be required to start the process from the beginning as though you are applying for a new passport, including all the required documentation and fees. All documentation and fee requirements are established by the U. S. State Department.

For a passport renewal, you must complete State Department Form DS-82, and bring the completed application, along with your expired passport, new passport photos (obtained at any Post Office or other business that does passport photos) and a check made payable to the U. S. Department of State in the amount of \$170 (\$110 plus \$60 expedite fee), to my office. My staff will write a cover letter requesting the agency to expedite renewal of your passport, which will be returned directly to you by the agency. The process usually takes up to 5 business days, unless they encounter a problem with your documentation. Thank You